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County Home Demonstration Agent

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to

November 30, 1954

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REPORT SUMMARY

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Days spent in office - - - - -	95.5
Days spent in the field - - - - -	147.5
Days spent conducting work with adults - -	108.5
Days spent with 4-H Club work - - - - -	134.5

Adult work was carried on in eight communities through eight Homemakers Clubs. 4-H Club work was carried on in nine communities through fourteen 4-H Home Economics clubs.

Eight adult Leader Training Meetings were held with 30 project leaders attending; these project leaders conducted 72 method demonstrations with a total of 792 homemakers attending.

Six 4-H Leader Training Meetings were held with 48 leaders attending; these 4-H leaders conducted a total of 83 meetings with a total attendance of 860.

The Home Demonstration Agent attended three Homemakers' County Council Meetings, Annual Homemakers' Achievement Day, and Country Life Conference. Eight 4-H County Council meetings were attended, also State Round-Up, State 4-H Camp, and 4-H Leaders' Conference.

A total of 247 home visits were made. There were 263 office calls and 389 telephone calls. There were 63 news articles published and 203 radio broadcasts were made. There were 3531 bulletins distributed.

The Home Demonstration Agent held or participated in a total of 64 adult meetings with 2399 attending; and 59 4-H Club meetings with 3278 attending.

SUBJECT MATTER

Clothing - Two Leader Training Meetings were conducted by Miss Helen Church, Clothing Specialist; the leaders in turn gave this lesson on "Key to Problem Techniques" to 8 homemakers clubs.

Six Sewing Machine Clinics were given by the Home Demonstration Agent with a total of forty-seven attending.

Two 4-H Leader Training Meetings were given in 1st and 2nd Year Clothing and one in Advanced Clothing by Miss Helen Church, Clothing Specialist.

Foods and Nutrition - Two Leader Training Meetings were given by Mrs. Elsie Morris, Extension Nutritionist, and the Home Demonstration Agent on "Be a Wise Shopper--Read Labels"

Two 4-H Leader Training Meetings were given by Mrs. Elsie Morris, Extension Nutritionist; one in 1st and 2nd Year Foods and the other in Advanced Foods. The Home Agent gave one method demonstration in Advanced 4-H Foods.

REPORT SUMMARY (cont.)

Family Economics and Home Management - Two Leader Training Meetings were conducted on "Help Yourself to Laundry Aids" by Miss Grace Ryan, Home Management Specialist. Two Leader Training Meetings were conducted on "Rescue Your Blankets". These project gave these lessons to eight homemakers clubs.

One 4-H Leader Training Meeting was conducted by Miss Grace Ryan on Room Improvement projects.

House and Furnishings - Household Pests - Three result demonstrations on "Household Pests" to women of four different communities were given by Dr. J. N. Roney, Extension Entomologist.

Health and Safety - Five clubs have their health lessons. Eloy Homemakers continues to have the Well-Baby Clinic.

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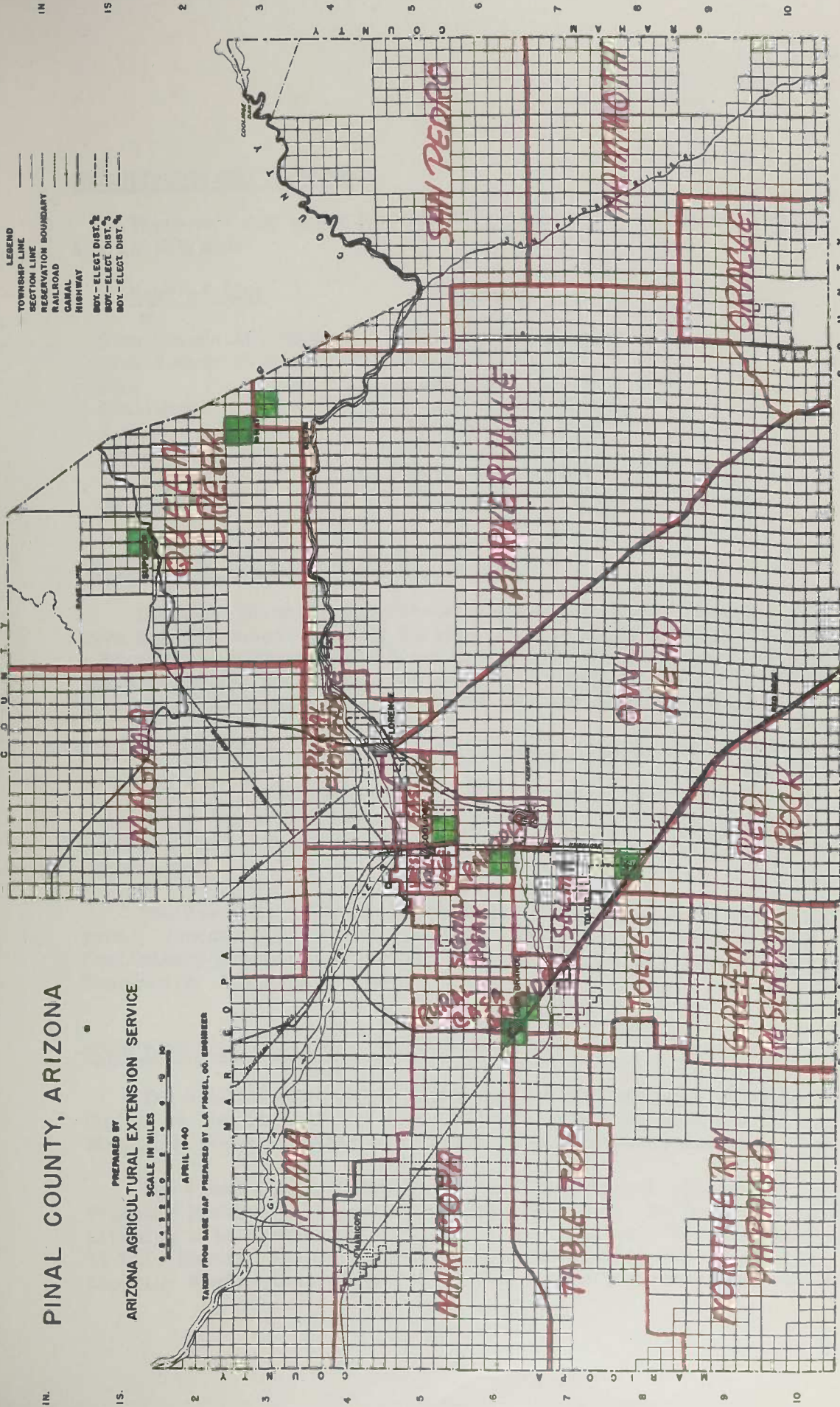
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SCALE IN MILES



APRIL 1940

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LOCATION OF PINAL COUNTY HOMEOWNERS CLUBS

NO. OF CLUBS --- 8

TOTAL MEMBERS --- 249

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ORGANIZATION AND PLANNING

There are now eight Homemakers Clubs in Pinal County. These are as follows:

<u>Name of Club</u>	<u>President</u>	<u>Members</u>
Casa Grande Afternoon	Mrs. Marie Wells	31
Casa Grande Evening	Mrs. Joe Powers	26
Eloy	Mrs. L. E. Kinnie	26
Kenilworth	Mrs. Hans Christenson	24
Ray	Mrs. Helen Elliott	25
Sonora	Mrs. Tony Higuera	46
Sun Valley	Mrs. Austin Ladd	16
Superior	Mrs. Robert Maynard	23

PINAL COUNTY HOMEMAKERS' COUNTY COUNCIL

In order to unify the homemakers clubs of Pinal County and to have a representative group to plan a county-wide program, there is a Pinal County Homemakers' Council which is officially made up of the presidents, delegates, and executive officers. The Home Demonstration Agent and County Agent are advisory members.

The executive officers of the present council are:

President: Mrs. Dorothy Olson, Superior
Vice President: Mrs. Inez Wilkerson, Coolidge
Secretary-Treasurer: Mrs. Dorothy Deifenbaugh,
Casa Grande

The Homemakers County Council meets regularly four times each year. January - Officers' Training; May - General meeting with Preliminary Planning; September - Program Planning; October - Annual Homemakers' Achievement Day.

COUNTY COUNCIL OFFICERS' TRAINING MEETING

The Home Demonstration Agent was not yet employed in Pinal County at the time of the 1954 Officers' Training Meeting. Miss Jean Stewart, State Home Demonstration Leader, was in charge.

The Pinal County Homemakers held their annual Officers' Training Meeting at Superior, January 25, 1954. Fifty-seven women attended this meeting from Superior, Ray, Sonora, Eloy, Kenilworth, 11-Mile Corner, Casa Grande Afternoon and Evening Clubs, and the Superior Mexicanitas club. A Mexican dinner was served for the group.

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OFFICERS' TRAINING MEETINGS (cont.)

The program consisted of training groups for the new club presidents, vice presidents, secretaries, reporters, and delegates. Mrs. Jane Peters of Casa Grande instructed presidents and vice-presidents; Miss Jean Stewart, State Home Demonstration Leader, instructed secretaries and treasurers; Helen Mites of the Superior Sun newspaper gave instruction to reporters; and Mrs. Dorothy Olson of Superior instructed delegates.

The afternoon session consisted of a business meeting with the officers of the local clubs in attendance. While this was going on, Miss Jean Stewart, State Home Demonstration Leader, conducted a discussion group with the project leaders from each of the clubs in attendance.

Dates and places were approved by the group for the leader training meetings to be held the first half of 1954.

The high point of the afternoon session was the modeling of dresses made by the women in various clubs in the "Better Dresses" project. Twenty women modeled their garments for the rest of the group. They included four from Ray, three from 11-Mile Corner, four from Kenilworth, three from the Mexicanitas club in Superior, two from the Casa Grande Afternoon club, and four from Superior.

HOMEMAKERS' COUNCIL MEETING - PRE-PLANNING

The Pinal County Homemakers' Council met May 18 at the Coolidge Methodist Church for the primary purpose of pre-planning. This meeting was attended by all Presidents and Delegates of the Homemakers Clubs in addition to several visitors.

The group had an enthusiastic meeting with the individual club reports revealing activities above that which is necessary for normal club activity.

The Home Demonstration Agent gave a report on the county-wide wide with a discussion on future activities, clinics, projects, and Red Cross Health program.

The women at this Council Meeting had the privilege of hearing the National Extension Outlook and of the progress of Extension work from Miss Madge Reese, Western Field Agent, Federal Extension Service, Washington, D. C.

Another highlight of the day was the talk by Mr. K. K. Hennes, former Pinal County Agent, who told the women of the activities of the women of Bolivia. He told about their homes, their mode of living, the foods they ate, and the differences from the household activities of America.

Turned over to the Health Committee was the program of Red Cross Instructors' Schools in Pinal County on "Home Care of the Sick", with plans for a future program of instruction to all women.

Preliminary plans were made for the Homemakers Annual Achievement Day with an invitation extended by the Superior group to have the event at the Arboretum at Superior. The fall Council meeting will be held September 15 at Ray.

Discussion was also held regarding Country Life Conference by Miss Jean Stewart, State Home Demonstration Leader. She talked of the ten workshops which will be available for the women at this conference.

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HOMEMAKERS' COUNTY COUNCIL PROGRAM PLANNING MEETING

Forty-nine members of the Pinal County Homemakers Council convened at an all day meeting held in Ray on September 15 for the purpose of planning a program of work for the Homemakers Clubs in 1955.

A brochure was prepared for the use of the members in their discussion groups by the Home Demonstration Agent. This information gave Trends, Questions which Might Help in the Discussions, and Suggestions for Projects Given at Pre-Planning in May, in Foods and Nutrition, Clothing, Home Management, Health, and Miscellaneous.

The Home Agent gave a summary of the past year's work and presented some of the problems of the County. Miss Jean Stewart, State Home Demonstration Leader, gave a talk on "What's Ahead".

The members present were divided into discussion groups with chairman and recorders appointed for each group. The discussion groups covered the fields of foods, clothing, home management, health, and miscellaneous. The entire group voted on the various subjects submitted by the discussion groups. The voting results were as follows:

- CLOTHING: 1st. You and Your Clothes
2nd. Basic Sewing
- FOODS: 1st. Practical International Cookery
2nd. Easy Hostessing and Simple Desserts
- HOME MANAGEMENT:
 - 1st. Bleaches etc. - Follow-up on Laundry Problems
 - 2nd. Electrical Equipment - Care and Repairing of Small Appliances
- HEALTH: 1st. Uses of new Medicines and Drugs, their dangers.
2nd. Mental Health
- MISCELLANEOUS:
 - 1st. Plastics
 - 2nd. Care of House Plants

In addition to the above topics selected, the group decided to have the Red Cross Instructors' Course in Pinal County, which would be held in February with Miss Venberg of San Francisco Red Cross Headquarters giving the instruction.

Plans were made this day for the Annual Homemakers' Achievement Day to be held at the Arboretum in Superior, in October.

It is felt that this planning meeting was highly successful in that there was a great deal of enthusiasm shown by the women. The discussions were lively and it is believed that the women feel they have a definite part in choosing their lessons for the coming years' work.

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ANNUAL HOMEMAKERS' ACHIEVEMENT DAY

The Annual Pinal County Homemakers' Achievement Day was held October 13 at the Arboretum in Superior. Seventy-eight homemakers representing all areas of Pinal County attended. A planned program for the event was arranged with a three-fold purpose:
1. Get acquainted. 2. Exhibit achievements of years' work.
3. Enjoy a program of skits by all clubs either pertaining to club work or "just for fun".

The women gathered around picnic tables under a beautiful setting of trees and shaded sunlight. The day started out with a song fest.

A short business session of the County Council was held. Installation of the 1955 County Council Officers was conducted. Plans were made for the Officers Training Meeting in January, 1955.

EXHIBITS: Each club set up an exhibit or display of the work accomplished during the club during the past year. The work represented handi-work in embroidery, knitting and crocheting, textile painting, bedspreads, and rugs. Sewing accomplished was shown by many garments. The Casa Grande Evening Club showed results of the blanket washing lesson. Eloy had an exhibit of their Well-Baby Clinic. Handicraft, art work, doll collections, hobbies, and other miscellaneous work such as gift wrapping was on hand.

The exhibits were a splendid array of accomplishment displayed on card tables and hung from tree to tree.

The Home Demonstration set-up a score card for judging these exhibits, and every woman present judged each exhibit. When the scores were tabulated, Sonora took top honors, 11 Mile Corner second, and Kenilworth and Ray tied for third. A copy of the score sheet is included in this report.

PROGRAM OF SKITS: The afternoon program consisted of humorous skits presented by each of the groups. Some were comedy mixed with their work in the field of homemaking. Following are the numbers given: "Serenade in Blue", by Eloy; "Little Red Riding Hood Knows her Food Labels", by Casa Grande Evening; "Rummage Sale", by Kenilworth; Reading by Mabel Stewart of Superior; "Bus Ride, a pantomime by Casa Grande Afternoon; Hat Show by Ray; "Spanish Romance" by Sonora; "Cooking is Simple" by Sun Valley.

Miss Jean Stewart, State Home Demonstration Leader, was present. Mr. Ted Siek and Mr. Rex Milhollen, County Agent and Assistant County Agent were on hand.

The noon meal was a harvest of dishes provided by each woman present.

It is believed that the day was successful and accomplished all three purposes. Comments: "It is good to get together with other women from the County, the exhibits were wonderful, and we did enjoy ourselves."

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ANNUAL HOMEMAKERS ACHIEVEMENT DAY



"Little Red Riding Hood Knows Her Food Labels"
Casa Grande Evening Homemakers



"Spanish Romance"
Sonora Homemakers Club

SCORE CARD
HOMEMAKERS EXHIBITS

GENERAL APPEARANCE:

Color	5	_____
Balance	5	_____
Eye catching	5	_____
Neatness	5	_____

MATERIAL USED FOR EXHIBIT:

Construction of workmanship	10	_____
Suitability	10	_____
Relation to present or future Homemakers' program	10	_____

EDUCATIONAL VALUE:

Does it "show how" or show results of certain practices	20	_____
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RELATION OF PRACTICE EXHIBITED TO TIME AND EFFORT INVOLVED:

Is it practical?	10	_____
Is it worthwhile?	10	_____

(Possible 90 points)

TOTAL

Casa Grande Afternoon _____

Casa Grande Evening _____

Eloy _____

Kenilworth _____

Ray _____

Sonora _____

Sun Valley _____

Superior _____

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NATIONAL HOME DEMONSTRATION WEEK

Pinal County Homemakers were very cooperative in observance of National Home Demonstration Week, May 2 to 8.

The two Homemakers Clubs of Casa Grande had a local Homemakers Day to which they invited all young women of the community to observe demonstrations, displays, and a program which showed the work they had done during the past year. The Home Demonstration Agent gave a talk at this event explaining Extension Service and the Homemakers' organization to these young women.

The Homemakers Clubs of Superior, Ray, Sonora, and Kenilworth had window displays in local business places showing the work they had done during the past year. The window display in Sonora was especially interesting in that it showed laundry and blankets before and after they had learned the proper methods in Homemakers' Club work.

The Home Demonstration Agent published two newspaper articles and gave two radio talks regarding National Home Demonstration Week.

COUNTRY LIFE CONFERENCE OF ARIZONA WOMEN

Three women from Pinal County Homemakers Clubs attended the Country Life Conference of Arizona Women at the University of Arizona, Tucson. These homemakers are: Mrs. Inez Wilkerson, Coolidge; Mrs. Rudolph Peters, Coolidge; Mrs. Jane Peters, Casa Grande; and the Home Demonstration Agent.

Mrs. Jane Peters gave a report for Pinal County at one of the sessions on the participation of the Pinal County Homemakers with Home Economics demonstrations at the Arizona State Fair.

Mrs. Virginia Bollin, a homemaker from Coolidge, conducted the workshop on Arranging Flowers.

The women who attended were enthusiastic about the activities and workshops which were made available for them. Perhaps the greatest comment was on the round table discussion on "Consumer-Retailer Relationship". It very clearly emphasized the responsibilities of the consumer and retailer to each other.

This conference had a great deal to offer to the women and indeed created enthusiasm for a state wide unity of homemakers.

It is believed there would be greater attendance from Pinal County if the Conference were held earlier in the year as in previous years. Although many women expressed a desire to attend the Conference, they were not able to because of conflicts.

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ARIZONA STATE FAIR

Four of the Homemakers' Clubs in Pinal County gave hour-long demonstrations on Pinal County Day, November 8, in the Home Economics Building at the Arizona State Fair. These demonstrations are put on for the passing public. It is difficult to estimate just how many people stopped and viewed the demonstrations, how many received literature or samples; however many people expressed their interest. It is believed that this work by the Homemakers helps the over-all Extension Program in Pinal County.

A Foods demonstration was given by the Ray Homemakers on "Make-ur-own Mix" with variations of cookies, cakes, and sweet breads made by the women and samples passed out to the public. Literature and recipes were distributed.

The Eloy Homemakers presented a demonstration and film on their Well-Baby Clinic.

The Casa Grande Afternoon Homemakers gave a demonstration on Blanket Washing. An actual blanket was washed for the public to see.

The Sun Valley Homemakers a demonstration on gift wrapping, with many variations on display. Also there was an exhibit of craft work done by the club members. This demonstration was very popular with the public. It was given in the morning and again in the afternoon.

JUDGING

March 31 - The Home Agent judged the Clothing work of the Home Economics classes at the Achievement Day of the Kenilworth School

September 16,17,18 - The Home Demonstration Agent spent three days at Prescott with Mrs. Ellen Kightlinger and Miss Muriel Hopkins of Yuma judging the Home Economics Exhibits of the Yavapai County Fair. The Home Agent assisted Mrs. Kightlinger in judging the 4-H Clothing exhibits and Dress Revue. The Home Agent judged the open class clothing exhibits in adult and junior work. Help was also given with the 4-H Judging Contest.

October 6 - The Home Agent helped Mrs. Elsie Morris, Extension Nutritionist, and Natural Gas Home Economist from Tucson, judge a Bake-A-Pie Contest held at Coolidge sponsored by the Natural Gas Company. Several homemakers of that area took part in the contest.

October 7,8,9 - The Demonstration Home Agent judged the adult, 4-H, and Junior Clothing Divisions of the Greenlee County Fair at Duncan, Arizona.

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JUDGING (cont.)

October 14 - The Home Demonstration Agent helped judge a cake contest in Superior, Arizona which was sponsored by Natural Gas Company. It is felt that cooperation with other agencies in Pinal County such as Public Service and Natural Gas companies by helping with contests of this kind is very necessary to promoting a well-rounded adult Extension program in Pinal County.

November 1, 2, 3, 4 - The Home Demonstration Agent judged Cake Contests for the Public Service both in Coolidge and Casa Grande. This judging took part of four days in that the adult women were judged not only on quality of cakes but on their demonstration techniques.

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COOPERATIVE EXTENSION WORK
IN
AGRICULTURE AND HOME ECONOMICS
STATE OF ARIZONA
CASA GRANDE

UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AND PINAL COUNTY COOPERATING

AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICE
HOME DEMONSTRATION WORK
COUNTY AGENT WORK

April 27, 1954

Dear Clothing Leader,

The Training Meetings on "Short Cuts in Sewing" for the Clothing Major Project Leaders will be held May 4 at the Sun Valley 11 mile Corner Greenhouse, and May 5 at the home of Mrs. Lucille Lawson, 306 Copper Street, Superior. The meetings will start promptly at 10:00 a.m. and last until about 3:30 p.m.

You are scheduled to meet on _____ at _____.

Miss Helen Church, State Clothing Specialist from the University of Arizona will conduct the meetings. Problem techniques will be taken up, also other sewing details. You will need to bring the following equipment for the training meeting.

1. Bring your portable sewing machine if you have one.
2. All of the small sewing equipment that you possess; such as scissors, tape measure, needles, pins, hem marker, if you have one, pattern marker, carbon paper, tracing wheel rollers, or any gadgets that you have found most helpful.
3. Bring about 3/4 of a yard of cotton fabric. It doesn't all have to be one piece. Scraps will be satisfactory. Some scraps of rayon fabric, light weight, then a scrap of heavy fabric, wool or cotton, an old belt buckle.
4. BRING A SACK LUNCH - Coffee will be served by the hostess club.

I am looking forward to meeting with you on this clothing lesson. If there are any questions, do not hesitate to write or call.

Sincerely,

Frances C. Lempe
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cc/Pres.H.M.Clubs.

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INFORMATION AND PUBLICITY

NEWS ARTICLES

News articles featuring special county-wide events were written throughout the year for front page publication.

In addition to special news stories, the Home Demonstration Agent has weekly column titled "Homemakers' Hints" which is published by the Casa Grande Dispatch, Eloy Enterprise, Coolidge Examiner, and Superior Sun. A sample of this column is included in this report.

The following articles have been sent to these papers:

- February 8 - Introduction to Pinal County
Home Management Training Meetings
4-H Clothing and Foods Training Meetings
- February 15 - Follow-up story on laundry lesson
4-H Clothing Training Meeting
- February 22 - Follow-up on 4-H Foods Training Meeting
Egg Cookery
- March 1 - 4-H County Fair
- March 8 - Importance of Milk and Dairy Products in the Diet
- March 15 - Library in Sonora
Safe-Keeping for Poultry
- March 22 - Arizona Song Book Cover Contest
- March 29 - Fancy Yeast Rolls
Follow-up on Advanced 4-H Foods Training Meeting
- April 5 - Washing blankets and EQ-53
- April 12 - How Do you Work - Planning
- April 19 - National Home Demonstration Week
Clothing Leader Training Meetings
- April 26 - Washing Blankets - Method
Clothing Leader Training Meetings
- May 3 - National Home Demonstration Week
Variation Apple Pie
- May 10 - Pinal County Homemakers Council Meeting
- May 17 - Sewing Machine Clinics
Methods of Stiffening Fabric
- May 24 - Pinal County Homemakers' Council Meeting
- May 31 - Country Life Conference

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NEWS ARTICLES (cont.)

- June 7 - Reducing the Safe and Sane Way
- June 14 - More Space in Your Cupboards
- June 21 - Cotton Fits Every Occasion
- June 28 - Summer Salads
- July 3 - Arizona Song Book
- July 12 - Sandwich Varieties
- July 19 - National Farm Safety Week
- July 26 - State 4-H Camp
- August 9 - 4-H Leaders' Conference
- August 30 - September Food Plentifuls
Ways of preparing Beef
- September 7 - Planning Meeting-Homemakers' Council
- September 13 - Importance of Good Breakfast
- September 20 - Nonfat Dry Milk Solids
- September 27 - Follow-up on Homemakers Program Planning
Freezing Combination Main Dishes
- October 4 - Homemakers' Achievement Day
Sewing Machine Clinics
I Found A Jewel --
- October 11 - Cottons, Rayons Need Storage
- October 18 - Follow-up on Homemakers' Achievement Day
- October 25 - Get The Most From Your Sewing Machine
- November 2 - Festive Foods in November
- November 9 - 4-H Clothing Training Meetings
Roasting the Turkey
- November 16 - December Foods Full of Proteins
4-H Room Improvement Training Meeting
- November 23 - Vary Venison Menus Now
- November 30 - Home Freezing of Poultry

News articles also appeared in the Arizona Farmer magazine and the Phoenix newspapers on Pinal County 4-H Fair and the Pinal County Day at the Arizona State Fair.

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RADIO

The Home Demonstration Agent has made a total of 203 radio broadcasts. This daily radio program is scheduled at 9:30 a.m., and is three minutes long. This program is sometimes given as a live broadcast; but for the greater part, is transcribed on a tape recorder.

In this radio broadcast, the Home Demonstration Agent has used a great variety of subjects. She used this spot to announce all current activities—either local or countywide. Also results and reports on meetings held are given. Publicity has been given to National Home Demonstration Week, National 4-H Week, National Safety Week, and any other pertinent Extension work. When not announcing or reporting on activities and meetings, the Home Demonstration Agent used subject matter on all phases of Home Economics—Foods, Clothing, and Home Management.

Requests are frequent for bulletins and information that have been announced on this broadcast. Many women have notified the Home Demonstration Agent that they listen regularly to the program.

It is felt that this is a very effective medium of getting information to all women in Pinal County. It has definitely served as a means of the Home Agent getting acquainted with her women. All of the Extension Specialists, the 4-H Club State Leader, and State Home Demonstration Leader have been on this broadcast when they visit Pinal County.

BOOTH

The Home Agent helped in the setting up and staffing of an Extension Booth at the Coolidge Community Fair. This booth consisted of displays, pictures, and bulletins depicting Extension work in Pinal County. One of the Extension Agents was on hand at the booth during the entire three-day period of the Fair.

TALKS OUTSIDE OF EXTENSION MEETINGS

The Home Agent gave a talk to the Eloy High School to the F. H. A. Chapter. This talk was on Worthy Home Membership and the careers possible to girls who continue in Home Economics work as their field of education.

BULLETINS

A bulletin was compiled by the Home Demonstration Agent titled "Christmas Time" which was distributed to all Homemakers and 4-H Club Leaders for their use in their club work in the month of December.

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Homemakers' Hints . . .

By Frances Lempe
Home Demonstration Agent

HOMEMAKERS' ACHIEVEMENT DAY

The Pinal County Homemakers' Achievement Day will be held October 13 at The Arboretum in Superior from 10:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. A possible 250 women of the Homemakers Clubs in Pinal County will gather at this annual event. These women represent groups in Superior, Ray, Sonora, Eloy, Kenilworth, 11 Mile Corner, and Casa Grande. Each group will set up exhibits representing work accomplished during the past year in the fields of foods and nutrition, clothing, home management and handicraft.

The day promises to be great fun in that each group of homemakers has planned a skit for the program of the day. Of no little importance is the fact that women from the various areas of the County become acquainted and form lasting friendships. Each group will bring a complete dinner and when all the food is massed together, it becomes a banquet representing the culinary art of many women.

SEWING MACHINE CLINICS

The kick-off for the series of sewing machine clinics to be held in the County will be at the 11 Mile Corner Greenhouse, October 11, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. This is the first of eight clinics scheduled for this fall's work. Not more than ten wom-

en can attend a clinic. Each homemaker brings her machine and learns how to break it down and clean it and make repairs necessary.

Helping me with these clinics will be Bill Fitzgibbons, Assistant County Agent.

have finished.

Signed/Mrs. S. D. Teel
Maricopa Foods Leader
(Facts you should know: Mrs. S. D. Teel is Mary Margaret's mother.)

I FOUND A JEWEL —

While checking 4-H Club Members' Records. A note:

"Dear Mary Margaret,
Your report shows neatness, promptness and completeness. I believe you forgot to mention the milk you get at school each day.

Evidently you need to remind your Mother to get more green leafy and yellow vegetables into every day's meal. Ask her if you can't help prepare another vegetable for supper each evening; and some raw ones such as celery, carrots and turnips with your lunches would help.

Keep another record for a week and fill in page F4 when you

This clipping is one of the articles which appears weekly under the Homemakers' Hints Column in the following newspapers of Pinal County: Casa Grande Dispatch, Coolidge Examiner, Eloy Enterprise and Superior Sun.

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KEY TO PROBLEM TECHNIQUES

CLOTHING LEADERS' TRAINING MEETINGS:

May 4	11 Mile Corner	11 leaders
May 5	Superior	6 leaders

Objective:

The countywide training meetings on techniques or short-cuts in sewing were held as a request from the women of Pinal County who wanted more training in clothing techniques that seem to be most difficult in home sewing. Also to help women to know available small sewing equipment that makes for easier sewing; and to give women an appreciation of good construction which will assist in buying as well as making clothing.

METHOD:

Miss Helen Church, Clothing Specialist, conducted these leaders' training meetings; in turn the project leaders from each Homemaker Club return to their individual club and give the lesson to the women of their group.

The project leaders were instructed prior to the meeting to bring all of their small sewing equipment and any gadgets that they might have. Also scraps of material and an old belt buckle in order to make illustrative material.

The first part of this lesson was devoted to a discussion of essential equipment needed for good sewing. Each leader was given an opportunity to show the others their selection of small equipment and any gadgets they had found were successful in doing specific jobs for them. This discussion proved to be very worthwhile. The women were encouraged to contact their local stores and request that better notions for sewing be made available.

The Extension Clothing Specialist demonstrated and showed samples of pleats in heavy material; collars with interfacing; the problem shawl collar; gussetts; hemming by machine; finishing seams; and the making of professional belts and buckles. The demonstrations on these problems were clearly shown in detail.

Following the instruction, each woman made a sample of each of above named techniques in order to learn how and to have illustrative material for their own lessons.

Discussions were held on the correct purchasing and use of interfacing material, belting, and guttapercha. In addition to the planned lesson, many additional questions were asked on specific problems, some women wanted more help with zippers and bound button-holes which were then explained or demonstrated. The importance of stay-stitching was emphasized and illustrated.

Results:

The comments the Home Agent has heard about this clothing lesson have been more than favorable. Everyone has expressed the fact that they have learned new techniques and adopted some of the short-cuts.

Each one of the eight homemaker clubs in Pinal County has secured guttapercha for the making of belt buckles. A total of thirty-four yards of guttapercha has been purchased by the clubs.

Each project leader visited their local stores asking that they secure better notions for sewing. Four clubs reported successful results, one club - not much, and three clubs - no results.

	<u>Club Members</u>	<u>Others</u>
1. Number of women who purchased better small sewing equipment.....	53	16
2. Number of women who used method of setting in a gussett.....	36	5
3. Number of women who learned better to put on a shawl collar.....	31	7
4. Number of women who used method of making belt buckles.....	58	12
5. Number of women who learned to stitch in interfacings.....	45	7
6. Number of women who used method of hemming by machine.....	54	20

Several exhibits of garments using these techniques were displayed at the Pinal County Annual Homemakers' Achievement Day.

Recommendations:

It is felt that the use of sewing equipment including new notions and equipment should be a part of each year's clothing project. be

The problem techniques should be continued to/taught to homemakers and new women as good practice in clothing construction.

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SEWING MACHINE CLINICS

		<u>No. of machines</u>
Oct. 11	11 Mile Corner (Casa Grande women)	8
Oct. 21	Superior	12
Oct. 22	11 Mile Corner (Coolidge women)	7
Oct. 26	Sonora	8
Nov. 9	Eloy	5
Nov. 18	Ray	7

Objectives:

The purpose of having a series of sewing machine clinics is to teach the women of Pinal County how to care for, clean, and adjust their own sewing machine.

Method:

In May, 1954, the Home Agent attended a week-long sewing machine clinic at the University of Arizona conducted by Miss Helen Church, Extension Clothing Specialist. This served as training for the Home Agent in order to conduct a series of meetings in Pinal County. The Home Agent in turn worked with Charles Fitzgibbons, Assistant County Agent, completely going over a machine. Mr. Fitzgibbons assisted the Home Agent throughout the entire series of sewing machine clinics.

Each clinic began with discussions by the Home Agent and Assistant County Agent. A summary of the purpose of the meeting, outline of work to be done, adjustments which might be necessary, explanation of tensions, feed dogs, pressure bar, and general explanation of basic principle of working of all machines. The materials and equipment needed was pointed out.

Step-by-step charts were used to keep the women together on their work and to guide them in their work. As the work progressed, different parts of the machine would need explanation and small demonstrations would be given throughout the meeting.

All machines were thoroughly cleaned and oiled. All tensions were adjusted correctly.

Results:

By the time completed cleaning, oiling, and adjusting her machine, she had a clearer understanding as to how her machine operated. She gained confidence to go ahead at any time and clean and make minor adjustments. The women expressed great gratitude for having the opportunity of learning about her sewing machine.

Forty-seven sewing machines were completely cleaned and oiled. Working parts were checked and adjusted if needed. All tensions were in good balance. Many of the machines were taken home making less noise when operated.

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BE A WISE SHOPPER -- READ LABELS

FOODS LEADERS' TRAINING MEETINGS

September 7	11 Mile Corner	8 leaders
September 8	Ray	8 leaders

Objective:

To encourage the homemakers of Pinal County to read food labels so that they can make wiser choices of grades of foods to fit their needs. To save money and to learn how "Uncle Sam" protects foods for wholesomeness by inspection and standards under the Pure Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Administration.

Method:

Mrs. Elsie Morris, Extension Nutritionist, conducted the training meeting at 11 Mile Corner; and Miss Frances Lempe, Home Demonstration Agent, conducted the training session at Ray, Arizona. A two day conference between these two women was held prior to the training meetings for the purpose of writing planning guides, reports, outlining plan of work and equipment needed for demonstrations. A tour of the local grocery and meat stores was made to determine what was available in the localities.

Each woman was asked to bring to the training meeting, and to their individual club meetings, labels from canned goods, meat grade and inspection stamps including poultry, frozen juice cans, cereal labels, and bread, rolls, and flour labels. Also each woman was asked to visit their meat man before the meeting and answer the following questions which were listed on a questionnaire: 1. Where do you buy your meat? 2. Is it government inspected? How do you know? 3. Is it government graded? How do you know? 4. Is it locally slaughtered? Is it inspected? How do you know?

The first part of the discussion was on meats, and the above questionnaire had given the women some thinking on the subject, also a view of their local situation. The Home Agent had procured from the local meat man samples of Federal Grade Stamps and Government Inspection Stamps. Arizona Regulations and Brand Inspection were discussed. Inspection and grade labels on chickens and turkeys were also explained.

Grades and sizes of eggs was gone over in detail. A demonstration on eggs was given to show signs of a fresh egg. An assorted number of eggs were used of different grades and sizes. Good buys in eggs at different times of year was brought up and charts used to determine this.

Grade labeling on canned vegetables and fruits was the next part of the lesson with the women using the labels they had brought to compare labels and to determine whether or not canned goods were U. S. Graded or showed some indication of quality other than price. A demonstration was given on sizes of cans on the market. Different grades of fruits and vegetables were opened to show differences. These foods were used at the noon lunch.

Method (cont.):

Corn Tamale, an oven dish, was prepared from the different grades of corn which were opened for demonstration. The frozen fruit juice was used to make a citrus cooler. The foods prepared were used for a noon meal— it was felt that the women would desire to use this same procedure for their individual club meetings. Other recipies using canned fruits and vegetables were distributed for the members use.

The afternoon session was devoted to a round-table discussion of labels of other foods. Weights, costs, food values, and comparison of costs were all taken into consideration. The importance of purchasing Enriched bread, rolls, and flour was emphasized.

The women were urged to ask their groceryman to stock only Bread products which were enriched.

In conclusion, all of the women reported on what they planned to take back from this lesson to their local club meeting. The women gave a demonstration or discussion on a part of the lesson they were going to emphasize.

Results:

This lesson on consumer buying proved to be very effective in Pinal County. The lesson was given in entirety to all of the local clubs. Following are some of the comments by local club members as reported to the Home Agent: "I have learned to look for the types of foods to benefit my family." "I watch closer for Government Inspection Stamp. Surprised to learn not compulsory now." "This project has helped me become a wiser buyer in selecting better grades of canned goods." "It takes longer to shop, but have less waste and watch brands and prices more carefully." "It has made me aware of grades and has saved time and money." "I check weight and price for best value within grade." "I have taken more pains in selecting all meats, eggs, and canned goods." "Three husbands in Sonora group have learned to buy meats and canned goods, also eggs."

	<u>No. of women</u>
1. Look for U.S. Grades and U.S. Inspection when buying meats.....	157
2. Buy meat and poultry by grades.....	157
3. Inspect labels of canned goods for description and grades.....	159
4. Buy size of canned goods to fit family needs.....	159
5. Buy eggs by grade and size.....	163
6. Look for size and weight on frozen food packages..	162
7. Look for the label "enriched" on bread and rolls..	143
8. Look for savings and have saved money as a result of the teachings of labels and sizes in this project.....	147

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SPANISH-MEXICAN COOKERY

The Foods¹ Training Meetings for the project on Spanish-Mexican Cookery were held in November of the past year, however, the results of this project were not compiled until the 1954 Report Year.

Objectives:

This lesson on foods was given to stimulate homemakers to include Spanish Mexican Cookery in their meals. To teach the food values of Spanish-Mexican foods; and to realize that typical South Western cookery is native to Arizona.

METHOD:

Mrs. Elsie Morris, Extension Nutritionist, conducted the training meetings on Spanish-Mexican cookery. Demonstrations were given on the preparation of enchiladas, tacos, salsa de chili, baked pinto beans, frijoles refritos, quacomole salad, natilla, and chocolate.

The leaders in turn gave these demonstrations to their local clubs, having all-day meetings, with the food prepared served as a noon meal.

The food value of Spanish-Mexican food was stressed throughout the lesson. Variety in family cooking was brought out. Addition of dry skim milk to tortillas was emphasized.

Results:

The Home Agent was present at two of the local club meetings at which time this lesson was given. This project was very successful with many women now preparing Spanish-Mexican food daily which they had not before done because of lack of knowledge on method of cookery.

The results as reported to the Home Agent are as follows: The figures indicate the number of women preparing the different foods at home as a result of this project. It is difficult to estimate the number of times prepared by all women--although this figure would run into thousands; as some women have reported preparing some of the foods once a week or numerous times.

	<u>Number of women</u>
Enchiladas.....	140
Tacos.....	178
Salsa De Chili.....	52
Baked Pinto Beans.....	120
Frijoles Refritos.....	82
Quacomole Salad.....	117
Natilla.....	70
Chocolate.....	74

Recommendations:

The women of Pinal County desire to have more lessons on Foreign Cookery.


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HELP YOURSELF TO LAUNDRY AIDS

HOME MANAGEMENT LEADERS' TRAINING MEETINGS:

February 11	Casa Grande	9 leaders
February 12	Superior	7 leaders

Situation:

The water supply in Arizona and Pinal is known to be hard and in extreme cases, unusually hard. The water ranges from 11 grains of hardness to 44 grains of hardness. The women in Pinal County have problems with their laundry. It was difficult to get garments absolutely clean, especially with very dirty and greasy work clothes.

Objective:

To analyze the situation and to determine how to have a clean laundry using the present water supply. To gain an understanding of detergents and water softeners and to learn how to use them wisely. To learn how to "strip out" old soap curd or soil already in clothes, and to start fresh with better methods.

Method:

Miss Grace Ryan, Extension Home Management Specialist, conducted the Leader Training Meetings ; at which time, two, sometimes three, project leaders from each Homemaker Club received information and literature. These project returned to their individual clubs and presented the lesson to the women of their group.

The lesson on Laundry Aids was presented in such a way that each project leader took part in the demonstrations and various tests. Each leader brought to the meeting a sample of her own water and determined the grains of hardness by a test using Standard Soap Solution. From this and information received, she could determine the amounts of water softeners and detergents needed for successful laundering.

Tests were made in the form of demonstrations on "breaking" or softening water; different kinds of detergents; removing old soap curd; "wetting" agents; and bluing.

Discussions were held on what makes water "hard"; ways of softening water with an explanation of kinds of softeners; kinds of detergents on the market and what type of work each can do; how to remove old soap curd; why "wetting" agents are valuable laundry aids; and kinds of bleaches and bluing.

Results:

Verbal: "One of the most worthwhile lessons ever given to meet a problem of the area." The women have been indeed grateful for this information and, it is believed that the result can be summed up as--- a whiter wash on the clothes line.

	Number
Learned how to test for hard water	224
Learned how to soften water	224
Gained information on kinds of softeners	224
Gained information on kinds of detergents	224
Learned how to remove old scum	224
Learned about bluing	161
Others outside of clubs who learned above	92

Results (cont):

It is hard to determine the actual figure as to how many women are benefited by a lesson of this kind. The Home Agent believes many neighbors, friends and relatives were informed of part or all of this method of doing the laundry--literature is still being distributed on this lesson.

Follow-Up:

The Home Agent visited the homemaker groups at Eloy, Sonora, Ray and Kenilworth and helped the project leaders give the demonstrations and tests of this project. The groups were enthusiastic.

The Sonora women gave a repeat lesson to additional women of the community outside of the club. The women of Sonora have an additional laundry problem in that they have copper dust that gets into the men's work clothes. The Sonora club leaders also set-up a window display in a downtown grocery store during National Home Demonstration Week showing laundry before and after this project and giving methods used.

During National Home Demonstration Week, the two clubs in the Casa Grande area had an open house at which time they repeated the demonstrations and tests of this project to the general public.

Recommendations:

That a follow-up project lesson be adopted for the 1955 club year of work in Home Management. The County Planning Meeting Group requested a lesson on "Follow-up on Laundry Aids" for 1955.

That the information and material in this project be passed-on to new groups whenever possible.

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RESCUE YOUR BLANKETS

HOME MANAGEMENT LEADERS' TRAINING MEETINGS:

April 7	Ray	9 leaders
April 8	Kenilworth	12 leaders

Situation:

The cleaning and care of blankets is a problem in this "hard water" area and where the climate is conducive to moths. Many blankets had become thick and harsh by poor dry cleaning or by improper washing.

Objective:

To learn how to wash blankets properly thereby being able to restore old blankets which had become matted and hardened by poor laundering.

Method:

Miss Grace Ryan, Extension Home Management Specialist, conducted this Leader Training. The project leaders then gave the information and demonstration to their individual club. An actual blanket was washed giving step-by-step demonstration of the procedure. Prior to the leader training meetings, a blanket was washed by the Specialist and the Home Agent in order to have one partially done in order to teach brushing and final steps.

A review was first made of testing of water for hardness, kinds of softeners, and kinds of soaps and synthetic detergents. Kinds of washing equipment was discussed with the need for control explained. This "soak" process with low-sudsing detergent and no machine action was demonstrated and explained. After washing, the women all took part in the correct stretching, drying and brushing of the blanket. Methods of mothproofing and storage were also discussed.

Results:

All leaders washed, dried and brushed a blanket at their club meeting with the members helping.

	<u>Number</u>
Old blankets restored	265
New blankets washed properly	67
Others outside of club, old blankets restored	44
Others outside of club, new blankets washed	22
Total	<u>398</u>

These are actual figures, it is believed that between 600 and 700 blankets were actually processed by this method since the time of the training meetings up to the present.

Follow-Up:

The Ray and Kenilworth groups had window displays on blanket washing during National Home Demonstration Week.

The Casa Grande Afternoon Homemakers group gave a demonstration on blanket washing in the Home Economics building at the Arizona State Fair. It is estimated that some 300 women and men viewed this demonstration.

Recommendation: That this method continued to be taught whenever possible as a part of adult and 4-H Home Management good practices.

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HOUSE AND FURNISHINGS

HOUSEHOLD PESTS

RESULT DEMONSTRATION MEETINGS FOR LOCAL CLUBS

		<u>No. of Women</u>
February 3	Superior Homemakers	15
February 25	Eloy Homemakers	15
April 5	Sun Valley & Kenilworth	20

Objective:

The demonstrations on the control of household pests were requested by the homemakers of Pinal County so that they might better know how to recognize the various insects, their breeding places, their habits, and what insecticides to use for control.

Method:

Dr. J. N. Roney, Extension Entomologist, conducted these meetings on control of common household pests. These meetings were held at one of the homemaker's homes where Dr. Roney could demonstrate the use of different kinds of dusts, sprays, or crystals recommended for the various kinds of insects which she was having trouble with. He demonstrated the method of applying in and on sinks, underneath sinks, under and back of kitchen drawers, on windowsills, around ant hills, around the house, on upholstered furniture, on rugs, and many other methods.

Along with the demonstration, Dr. Roney clearly described the insects and why certain controls are needed. He discussed flies, cockroaches, bedbugs, silverfish, clothes moths, carpet beetles, lice, ants, fleas, crickets, wasps, mosquitoes, spiders, scorpions, and cereal insects. He explained the proper method of baiting rats and mice.

Dr. Roney also made suggestions on how to prevent having certain insects before it is necessary to control them. Such as keeping stagnant water out of evaporative coolers.

Results:

This lesson was very much worthwhile especially in Arizona where the climate is conducive to a great many insects around the house.

The women who attended this series of meetings were appreciative. Many of the women had personal problems in their own homes—these were discussed and recommendations given.

It is believed that the women are better able to cope with household pests as a result of the demonstrations on control. Additional literature on Household Pests has been distributed since these meetings.

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HEALTH

WELL-BABY CLINIC Eloy, Arizona

The Eloy Homemakers started the project of a Well-Baby Clinic in Eloy, Arizona. It takes approximately 30 local women working each month to keep the clinic going. Any child (pre-school) may see the pediatrician by making an appointment.

The Community Center in Eloy is divided into several rooms by means of make-shift sheets. A child is brought into the clinic and first weighed and measured and temperature taken with a record started on each child. From there, the child and mother have a consultation with a Public Health Nurse, and then is checked by a pediatrician who at the present time is Dr. M. S. Withers of Tucson. After this, the child is given immunizations or vaccinations if necessary. This is, in brief, the set-up of the clinic—it is a project that could be adopted in any community.

In a recent book which concerns health of our state, it is found that in 1951 the infant mortality was 102 of each 1,000 live births in Pinal County. In 1953, it was down to 65.3. While it shows that Pinal County decreased in this field, the State as a whole increased. This is believed to be significant.

In the past year about 475 children have been through the clinic and 289 have received D.P.T. immunizations and 225 have received small-pox vaccinations.

Many have been referred to local doctors, Crippled Children's Society, County Health Department and other agencies. A child's record started in the well-baby clinic goes to the public school. It is seen that a difference can now be seen in attendance as well as in general better health in the primary grades. Individual reports are given the parents.

The following organizations and businesses have cooperated in this project: State Health Department, Pinal County Health Department, Town of Eloy Health Department, Lions Club, Eloy Enterprise, Hodges Pharmacy, Pinal County Agricultural Extension Service, and the Junior Woman's Club.

The Eloy Homemakers had an exhibit concerning their Well-Baby Clinic at the Annual Homemakers Achievement Day. They also gave a demonstration and showed a film on the clinic in the Home Economics Building at the Arizona State Fair.

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SUMMARY OF 4-H PROJECT WORK

FOOD SELECTION AND PREPARATION

A 4-H Leader Training Meeting was held February 16 at the Rimol's Rumpus Room In Casa Grande for First and Second year Foods' Leaders. Nine leaders were present, including the Home Economist of the Natural Gas Company at Coolidge, Home Economist of Public Service in Casa Grande, and the 4-H Home Demonstration Agent from Maricopa County.

All phases of 1st and 2nd year foods were discussed and demonstrated. Methods of teaching 4-H girls were brought out with techniques of demonstration and use of proper equipment emphasized. Score sheets for all foods were distributed for judging training; and the foods prepared at this training meeting were judged by the leaders present.

This training meeting was very thorough in subject matter which was worthwhile to the leaders.

Mrs. Elsie Morris, Extension Nutritionist, also conducted the 4-H Advanced Leader Training Meeting held on March 26. All of the Advanced Foods Leaders were present in addition to Foods Leaders from two of the Homemakers Clubs.

This lesson was primarily on the making of "Fancy Rolls" and the loaf of bread. Each leader present made a batch of rolls, learning how to make all types of rolls. Techniques of kneading were taught, simple method of making a loaf, and the importance of enrichment in bread and flour.

This lesson was very well received and it is believed that the exhibits at County and State Fair were of better quality as a result of this training.

The Home Demonstration Agent gave a complete demonstration on fancy rolls and bread to the Casa Grande 4-H Foods Club. Each girl made a batch of rolls at this meeting under the supervision of the Home Demonstration Agent and 4-H Leaders.

Two Advanced Foods 4-H girls were taken by the Home Agent to the newly organized 4-H club in Maricopa to give demonstrations on foods in order for the new girls to gain information on demonstration work in foods.

Four 4-H Foods Clubs of Pinal County were visited upon request by the Home Agent to give training on judging foods prior to the girls entering the Foods Judging Contests at the Pinal County 4-H Fair. Rings of food were set-up and the girls did actual judging at these meetings.

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CLOTHING AND TEXTILES

A 4-H Leader Training Meeting was held February 19 for the First and Second Year Clothing Leaders of Pinal County. Ten leaders were present, with the leaders doing actual work on several of the projects. Discussions and demonstrations were conducted by Miss Helen Church, State Extension Clothing Specialist. Many problems and questions of the leaders were discussed and cleared up, along with methods of teaching brought out.

The Home Demonstration Agent met with eight of the 4-H Clothing clubs to give training on judging clothing prior to their taking part in the Clothing Judging at the County 4-H Fair. Actual rings were set up at these club meeting and the girls received experience in judging and giving reasons.

The Advanced Clothing Training Meeting for 4-H Clothing Leaders was held October 27 with nine leaders present at an all-day meeting held at the 11 Mile Corner Greenhouse. Miss Helen Church, Clothing Specialist, conducted this meeting. Instruction was given as to literature and requirements, with discussion held about the various problems of the individual leaders. Demonstrations were given on construction problems, with illustrative material to show different techniques. The lesson was very thorough and pronounced very beneficial by the leaders.

The 4-H Leaders Training Meeting for First and Second Year Clothing Leaders was held November 19 with ten leaders attending. Six of these leaders were new to the work and the lesson was more than beneficial to them. Miss Helen Church, Extension Clothing Specialist, conducted the training meeting. Literature and requirements were discussed, with construction of the different articles in these two years of work demonstrated. An excellent discussion was held on selection of fabrics as to quality and color.

It was very apparant at the Pinal County 4-H Fair and the Arizona State Fair that the methods of construction taught at these training meetings were being taught to the 4-H girls. The quality of exhibits was superior which was expressed by those viewing the exhibits.

The Home Demonstration Agents attempts to help 4-H Leaders and individual club members through home visits and telephone calls with their individual problems and projects.

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ROOM IMPROVEMENT

The 4-H Leaders Training Meeting for Room Improvement Leaders was held November 30 at the Eloy Community Center. Miss Grace Ryan, Home Management Specialist, gave a very thorough and illustrated lesson on all years of 4-H Room Improvement. Literature and requirements were discussed with problems of the leaders clarified.

The number of 4-H girls taking Room Improvement as a project is not as great as in the other fields; however, there has been a decided increase in enrollment with interest in the project growing each year.

Help was given by the Home Demonstration Agent to one Room Improvement Club in judging training. Actual rings were judged by the girls.

OUTLOOK

Interest in 4-H Club Work in Pinal County is growing with a decided increase in number of clubs and enrollments in former clubs. Clubs are being organized in communities which formerly did not have 4-H Club Work.

There are more girls staying in 4-H work from year to year, giving Pinal County a larger enrollment in Advanced projects in all three phases—foods, clothing, and Room Improvement.